

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sun 1 Dec	Liz Johnson	Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14 (<i>Matthew 24:36-44</i>)
Sun 8 Dec	Alan Waddell	Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; (<i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>)
Sun 15 Dec	VARIOUS	9 Lessons & Carols
Sun 22 Dec	Margaret Gray	Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7, (<i>Matthew 1: 18—25</i>)
Tues 24 Dec	VARIOUS	Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4(5-12) (<i>John 1:1-14</i>)
Sun 5 Jan	Liz Johnson	Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4(5-12) (<i>John 1:1-14</i>)

Please arrange to swap with someone if unavailable for the allocated date



A Christmas Blessing

God bless the master of this house,
The mistress also
And all the little children
That round the table go:
And all your kin and kinsfolk
That dwell both far and near:
I wish you a merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.

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Notes from St Margaret's

The birth of a baby is always special but at Christmas we celebrate the Holy Birth in a lonely stable in an occupied country. It was the birth of the true light of the world, which we will all worship and adore.

We all have poignant memories of Christmas, both past and present and today's terrible pictures of the devastation in the Philippines are heart-rending. Christmas for some will not be a joyous celebration.

Maybe for a few moments we should all pause from our festive preparations and activities to consider these people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas, Margaret Gray



Christmas

Our special Christmas services will include St Margaret's traditional 9 Lessons & Carols on Sunday 15 December and two services on Christmas Eve. There will be a children's service at 2:00pm in which children will be donating either old or new toys for a children's charity. This will be followed by our traditional Christmas service at 11:00 pm.

December Services Diary

Sun 1 Dec 10.30am	First Sunday in Advent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall.
Wed 4 Dec 11.00am	Advent Meditations
Sun 8 Dec 10.30am	Second Sunday in Advent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall.
Wed 11 Dec 11.00am	Advent Meditations
Sun 15 Dec 10.30am	Third Sunday in Advent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall.
Wed 18 Dec 11.00am	Advent Meditations
Sun 22 Dec 10.30am	Fourth Sunday in Advent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall.
Tues 24 Dec 2.00pm	Christmas Eve. Children's Service
11.00pm	Watch Night Family Eucharist
Wed 25 Dec	Christmas Day. No Service
Sun 29 Dec	First Sunday after Christmas. No Service
Sun 5 Jan 10.30am	Second Sunday after Christmas. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall.

December Rotas

	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun 1 Dec	Janette Turvey	Margaret Redpath
Sun 8 Dec	Christine Barker	Janette Turvey
Sun 15 Dec	Margaret Redpath	Liz Johnson
Sun 22 Dec	Janette Turvey	Margaret Redpath
Tues 24 Dec	Christine Barker	Janette Turvey
Sun 5 Jan	Margaret Redpath	Liz Johnson

Advent

There will be three midweek Advent meditations commencing on Wednesday 4 December at 11:00am to be held at St Margaret's Church. It will be a brief reflective service of prayers and readings to create a time of peace removed from the busy pre-Christmas rush to help create a spiritual preparation for the Saviour's birth. All members from all local churches are very welcome to join us in Christian fellowship, followed by a cup of tea or coffee.